

San Diego Police Department

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POLICE INVESTIGATE DELAYED DEATH OF SIX-YEAR-OLD BOY

San Diego Police Department Homicide Unit detectives are investigating the death of a six-year-old boy who suffered his original injury in 2005.

This morning, at 12:28 a.m., San Diego Sheriff's Department deputies were dispatched to a medical distress call in the 1000 block of Olive Avenue in Ramona. A six-year-old boy in delicate health was pronounced deceased at the scene.

The San Diego Sheriff's Department conducted a preliminary investigation and determined that the boy was the victim of child abuse, at a home in the City of San Diego, when he was two months old. An autopsy revealed the boy died as a result of complications of his original head injury, and the death was classified as a homicide.

The boy's father was convicted of child abuse in 2006. The boy's name was changed after he was removed from the abusive home, and it will not be released to protect the adoptive family's privacy and the integrity of the current investigation.

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